to the consumer in terms of choice of services, reduced tariff of telecom services, better Quality of Services etc.

(c) TRAI does vigorous monitoring of the performance of the service providers through Quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports, Network Congestion Reports and Independent Agency Audit. TRAI also submits to DOT at the end of every Quarter returns and statement stipulated in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Annual Report and Returns) Rules, 1999. The statement *inter alia* includes periodical survey conducted to monitor quality of service, steps taken to achieve the USO, research and studies conducted including those conducted outside India etc.

Also the accountability of TRAI towards Parliament is ensured through the Annual Reports of TRAI detailing summary of its activity at the end of every financial year and through the Regulations framed by it, which are laid on the table of both the Houses of Parliament.

(d) No mandatory meetings and public hearings have been prescribed by TRAI Act. However, TRAI has taken several metings with service providers relating to Quality of Service as well as open house discussions, interactive seminars with various stakeholders etc.

(e) Tariff for various telecommunications services are notified by TRAI as Telecommunications Tariff Orders (TTO). Currently tariff for telecom services is under forbearance except rural, free call allowances and local call carges in the case of fixed line rural subscribers, roaming services in mobile telephony and for leased circuits. Service Providers have the flexibility to fix tariffs for the services that are forborne by the Authority. TRAI in its Regulation on Quality of Service (Code of Practice for Metering and Billing Accurancy), 2006 has prescribed auditing of metering and billing system of service providers.

Preparations for Commonweath Games

*516. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of preparations for Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether there are any problems being faced at any level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to solve these problems?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These include a Core Group of Minister (GOM) under the Co-Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating various matters related to CWG 2010; the Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GOM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minsiter of Delhi to take decision's in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrused with the overall responsibility with specific reference to security, law and orders and matter coming under DDA.

The locations for the various competitions venues, and the major non-competition venue *viz.* International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC), have been agreed to between all the stakeholders. All the stakeholders have indicated their specific time lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.*, finalization of detailed design and estimates, commencement of tendering process, award of work, commencement of work, completion of work and handing over to OC. It is expected that work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects will commence between June-August, 2007 and the venues will be handed over to the OC by the end of 2009. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects. Another Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Urban Development to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for

developing adequate tourist accommodation in the context of the Commonwealth Games, an inter-ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting the Central Government clearance in respect of Hotels coming in Uttar Pradesh has also been set up under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

For preparation and to improve the performance of the Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions are being held with all the stakeholdes.

Government have approved project proposals of Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000 crores (± 10%) for upgradation/creation of venue infrastructure; upgradation of tennis venue by All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores (± 15%) and expenditure budget of Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (±15%) for 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (±25%) for the international zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed on Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure.

The Planning Commission has approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games. Planning Commission has also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Govt. of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.

Revision of compensation for accident victims

*517. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading States in the country where number of accidents are more due to modern National Highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the compensation paid to the victims is meagre;